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1. Three non-commissioned officers of the Yugoslav Air Force reportedly absconded from the airfield at Djevdjelija in a YAK fighter plane on 13 May 1951. Lt. General Radovan Vukanovic, the commanding general of the Military District of Skoplje, immediately ordered a thorough investigation which resulted in the arrest of a certain Major Trajkovic, the commanding officer of the Djevdjelija airfield, on the charge that he had aided the three deserting non-commissioned officers.
2. According to source, on 22 May 1951 four cadets from the Technical Air Force School at Lajlovac, near Sarajevo, deserted because they had wounded one of their instructors, Lt. Mihajlo Buric. Notwithstanding a thorough search and a rigid investigation the deserters were not apprehended. Major Boris Krusic, the commanding officer of the school, was relieved of his command and ordered to appear before the General Headquarters of the Air Force at Zemun where he was personally interrogated on the incident.
3. On the night of 21 May 1951, at approximately 2200 hours, it is reported that a fire broke out in the aeronautical section of the Central Library for the Yugoslav Army, which is located on 29 November Street No. 4, in Belgrade. This section of the Library which is used by the Air Force contains technical publications on aeronautics and the aeronautic industry and about 200 of these books as well as 5 cases of archives were allegedly destroyed. The night watchman, Konrad Nemezic, was arrested following the incident. The source speculates that it is an interesting coincidence that the fire broke out on the nationally celebrated "Air Force Day".

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